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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

1. THE SECRETARY BRIEFED MORNING, JUNE 22, NATO
AMBASSADORS ON AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR TO
BE SIGNED NOON, JUNE 22.

2. AFTER POINTING OUT THAT DOCUMENT WOULD BE EXECUTIVE
AGREEMENT AND COME INTO FORCE ON SIGNATURE, SECRETARY
EMPHASIZED THAT AGREEMENT WAS IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD AND
TOOK FULLY INTO ACCOUNT ALLIED CONCERNS. HE EMPHASIZED
THAT IT WAS A FORMALIZATION OF PRESENTLY EXISTING CONSULTA-
TION PROCESSES AND DID NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE FOR ANY
ARRANGEMENT WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS A " NO FIRST USE"

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OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGREEMENT OR A US- SOVIET " CONDOMINIUM".

3. AFTER READING COPIES OF THE TEXT SECRETARY AND AMBASSADORS WENT THROUGH AGREEMENT ARTICLE BY ARTICLE.

4. AMBASSADOR CADIEUX (CANADA) ASKED WHETHER THE AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT ON OUR CONTINUING PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT AGREEMENT HAD NO LIMITATIONS WHICH WOULD AFFECT OUR PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM. HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS CODIFICATION OF CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND POINTED OUT THAT WHAT WAS AGREED UNDER ARTICLE IV WOULD TAKE PLACE ANYWAY. THERE WAS NO COMMITMENT TO TAKE ANY SPECIFIC ACTION OTHER THAN TO CONSULT. SECRETARY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SHOULD WAR ACTUALLY OCCUR, THE AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE FAILED OF ITS PURPOSE, SINCE ITS PURPOSE IS THE PREVENTION OF WAR IN THE FIRST PLACE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM AMBASSADOR GUNNEING (NORWAY) AS TO WHY ARTICLE II WAS LIMITED TO CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT " ENDANGER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY", SECRETARY POINTED OUT THIS PERMITTED CONTINUATION OF REGULAR MILITARY MANEUVERS BUT IN OUR VIEW WOULD REQUIRE CONSULTATION IN EVENT OF A REPLAY OF SOVIET ACTION AGAINST CZECHSLOVAKIA IN 1968.

6. SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THAT ARTICLE V AND ARTICLE VI WERE EXPRESSLY INCLUDED IN THE ARRANGEMENT AT OUR INSISTENCE. THEY PROVIDE FOR BOTH FULL AND OPEN CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES AND OTHERS, AND THE FACT THAT EXISTING OBLIGATIONS TOWARD OUR ALLIES, INCLUDING " ATHENS GUIDELINES", WOULD CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

7. KOSCIUSKO- MORIZET (FRANCE) SAID HE BELIEVED THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THREATS AND USE OF FORCE AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE WAS IMPORTANT AND THAT FRANCE WOULD STUDY CAREFULLY IMPLICATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT.

8. LORD CROMER (UK) WELCOMED AGREEMENT AS A USEFUL FORWARD MOVE.

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9. SECRETARY CLOSED MEETING BY STRESSING THAT AT A TIME OF GOOD WILL AND DETENTE IT IS ESSENTIAL NOT TO LOSE SIGHT OF A STRONG AND VIABLE ALLIANCE. HE STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUING CLOSEST CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN NEGOTIATION WITH USSR. HE INDICATED THAT WHILE WORK ON SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE NOT FINALLY COMPLETED HE BELIEVED THE ALLIES WOULD BE PLEASED

WITH THE PORTIONS DEVOTED TO MBFR.

10. DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH BRIEFED AMBASSADOR USHIBA
(JAPAN) CONCURRENTLY WHOSE INITIAL REACTIONS WERE GOOD,
ASKING A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION AND
WELCOMING AGREEMENT.

11. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL BRIEFED AUSTRALIAN AND
NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADORS PLIMSOLL AND WHITE WHOSE QUESTIONS
AND REACTIONS PARALLELED THOSE OF NATO AND JAPANESE
AMBASSADORS. RUSH

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